

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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COAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a huge difference in quality and prices of domestic coal and coal imported from other countries;
- (b) if so, the details of differences in the quality and prices of domestic coal vis-à-vis imported coal from Australia/Indonesia and the other countries, country-wise;
- (c) the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
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(a)to(c): The price comparison between Imported coal based on international price indices and the current notified prices for Domestic coal in respect of different GCV (Gross Calorific Value) ranges of coal are furnished as follows:

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| Indonesian CoalFOB Kalimantan | Australian CoalFOB Newcastle | South African CoalFOB Richards Bay |
| GCV of Coal Argus Coal Indo API 6 Index for | API 4 Index for | 6000 Kcal/ Kg \$ |
| /GAR basis (ICI) Index# | 6000 Kcal/ Kg \$ | (in INR) |
| (Kcal/Kg) (in INR) | (in INR) | |
| 6500 4008 - - | | |
| 5800 3620 3480 3717 | | |
| 5000 2974 - - | | |
| 4200 2129 - - | | |
| 3400 1431 - - | | |

= Argus Coal Indo Report for the week ending 17.04.2015 \$ = Argus McCloskey Report for the week ending 17.04.2015 = For Calculation purposes 1 USD = INR 63

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| For Domestic Coal (Basic Price) FOR Colliery | | | |
| Grade/GCV of Coal (Kcal/Kg) | Notified price of Domestic Coal (For Power Consumers) (in INR) | Notified price of Domestic Coal (For Non Power Consumers) (in INR) | |

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|-----------------|------|------|
| G1 (Above 7000) | | |
| G2 (6700-7000) | 4870 | 4870 |
| G3 (6400-6700) | 3890 | 3890 |
| G4 (6100-6400) | 3490 | 3490 |
| G5 (5800-6100) | 2800 | 2800 |
| G6 (5500-5800) | 1600 | 2150 |
| G7 (5200-5500) | 1400 | 1890 |
| G8 (4900-5200) | 1250 | 1690 |
| G9 (4600-4900) | 970 | 1310 |
| G10 (4300-4600) | 860 | 1160 |
| G11 (4000-4300) | 700 | 950 |
| G12 (3700-4000) | 660 | 890 |
| G13 (3400-3700) | 610 | 820 |
| G14 (3100-3400) | 550 | 740 |
| G15 (2800-3100) | 510 | 680 |
| G16 (2500-2800) | 450 | 610 |
| G17 (2200-2500) | 400 | 540 |

For GCV exceeding 7000 Kcal/ Kg, the price shall be increased by Rs. 150/ tonne over and above the price applicable for G2 for increase in GCV by every 100 Kcal/ Kg or part thereof.

The ash percentage of Imported coal as popularly traded from Indonesia (as per Argus ICI coal index specifications) varies between 4

to 12%. Whereas for the specification of coal traded from South Africa (Richards Bay) & Australia has ash content in the ranges of 8 to 16%. The Total Moisture for Indonesian coal varies in the range of 12% to 50% for various grade of coal while that for Australian & South African Coal specifications above mentioned is around 13%.

Domestic coal of different categories / composition/ qualities are being produced by Coal India Ltd. They are mainly non-coking coal [A], where grading is based on Gross Heat content. In coking coal [B], where grading is based on Ash %.In semi coking coal & weakly coking coal [C], where grading is based on Ash & Moisture %.

(d): Emphasis is laid on quality of coal through undertaking crushing sizing and washing of coal.